This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

- 31. (New) An absorbent article comprising:
  - a substantially transparent body-faceable, liquid-permeable cover layer,
  - a substantially transparent, liquid-impermeable barrier layer;
- a substantially transparent liquid absorbing absorbent system arranged between said cover layer and said barrier layer, wherein said absorbent system is substantially free of cellulosic material and comprises a mixture of a hot melt adhesive and a liquid-absorbing polymer.
- 32. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 31, wherein said absorbent system consists essentially of a substantially transparent liquid absorbing coating consisting essentially of said holt melt adhesive and said liquid-absorbing polymer.
- 33. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 31, further comprising: a substantially transparent separating layer arranged between said cover layer and said absorbent system.
- 34. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 33, wherein said substantially transparent separating layer is free of cellulosic material.
- 35. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 34, wherein said liquid-absorbing polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

- 36. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 35, wherein the article has a light transmittance of greater than about 45%.
- 37. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 36, wherein the separating layer comprises a fibrous material having a denier in a range from about 1.5 denier per fiber (dpf) to about 15 dpf.